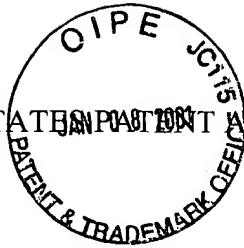


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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 5, 2000 in the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. A separate Petition for Extension of Time, along with the appropriate fee, is being filed concurrently.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

At page 6, line 21, please delete "Portion os" and insert therefor - - Portions of - - .

At page 9, line 28, please delete "repressed" and insert therefor - -enhanced- - .